

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, January 27, 2005

(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 27, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien-Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Arthur Blackwell, II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley **(ABS)**
Megan Norris
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

AC Walter Shoulders
AC Walter Martin
Insp. Tonya Guy
Insp. Gail Wilson-Turner
Sgt. Debbie Jackson

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director **(ABS)**
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Ms. Walters
Gloria Canales

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Kellie Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Norris called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

♦ Thursday, January 20, 2005

Comm. Norris stated the above Minutes will be tabled until the next full meeting of the Board.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

There was no report from the Chair.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

On January 20, 2005, **Police Office Paul Carmona**, Badge 2809, assigned to the Sixth Precinct, IAS Case #05-12, was suspended **without pay** by Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings.

Exec. Dir. Goss stated Officer Carmona asked for a closed door session concerning this matter. Since we don't have a quorum, this will be tabled until next week.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	27	66
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	32	32

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **23** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **14** cases to the Chief's Office. The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **62** cases to OCI.

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS



BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

During the period of January 19th–25th, the *Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Units* conducted 31 search warrants and 20 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 23 Felony arrests
 - ◆ 89 Misdemeanor arrests
 - ◆ 4 Juveniles detained
 - ◆ 241.3 Grams of cocaine, 121.4 grams of heroin, and 50,634.3 grams of marijuana - street value **\$517,577.00**
 - ◆ \$46,778.00 U.S. currency
- Confiscated:
- ◆ 13 Handguns
 - ◆ 3 Vehicles

The Vice Unit

During the period of January 19th–21st, officers of the Vice Unit conducted “Operation Pressure Point” within the boundaries of the 10th Precinct. *As a result of their efforts, the following citations were issued:*

- ◆ 31 Miscellaneous Ordinances issued for “Selling of Alcohol and Cigarettes to Minors” and “Offer for Sale Unwholesome Food and Drink”

Mobile Support Section

On January 19th, officers of the Mobile Support Section's Traffic Enforcement Unit and Tactical Mobile Unit provided additional patrol in the Tenth Precinct area. As a result of their endeavors, the following arrests and citations were issued:

- ◆ 3 Felony arrests
- ◆ 187 Traffic violation citations issued

Police/Community Intervention



TAKING THE GUNS OFF THE STREET !



Total Guns Confiscated
Year-To-Date
162

SECOND PRECINCT

On January 19th, officers from the 2nd Precinct received a police run to the 12000 block of Lauder on "Person with a weapon." The officers broadcasted the description of the vehicle and occupants over the police radio. As a result, officers were checking the area and observed a vehicle matching the description of the wanted vehicle. One (1) female and two (2) men were arrested for "Carrying Concealed Weapon – Motor Vehicle." In addition to this charge, a third man was charged with "Felony Assault." Confiscated was one (1) nickel plated automatic handgun.

SEVENTH PRECINCT

On January 25th, officers of the 7th Precinct received a police run to the corner of Mack and Crane Street to investigate a woman walking with her hands tied behind her back. Due to the cooperation of citizens in the area, the address the woman was taken to was identified. As the result of the officers' actions, the woman was found tied up and duct taped in a back room, and the man was arrested for "Kidnapping."

EIGHTH PRECINCT

On January 20th, due to an increase in armed robberies in the area, officers of the 8th Precinct were patrolling the area of W. Seven Mile and Ashton. The officers observed a man matching the description of a person wanted for the robberies. [Subsequent to an investigation and after a brief foot chase, the man was arrested for "Armed Robbery."](#) Confiscated was a BB pistol.

TENTH PRECINCT

On January 20th, officers of the 10th Precinct while on patrol in the area of Hazelwood and Holmur observed a vehicle with an improper license plate. [The officers conducted a traffic stop, which resulted in the two \(2\) men being arrested for "Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle."](#)

ELEVENTH PRECINCT

On January 21st, officers of the 11th Precinct while on patrol in the area of E. McNichols and Newbern observed a vehicle matching the description of a stolen vehicle used in a robbery. [Subsequent to an investigation and after a brief foot chase, one \(1\) man was arrested for "Robbery," "Carjacking" and "Habitual 4th."](#)

TWELFTH PRECINCT

On January 19th, officers of the 12th Precinct working an armed robbery detail in the 4000 block of W. McNichols. The officers observed the men matching the description of the men wanted for two (2) robberies in the area. [Subsequent to an investigation and after a foot chase, both men were arrested for "Armed Robbery."](#) Confiscated was one (1) nickel plated revolver.

Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

6. PRESENTATION – VICE SECTION

Insp. Tonya Guy gave the following PowerPoint presentation:

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Questions & Answers

Vice-Chairperson Ramirez asked when you say vehicles confiscated, does that include truckers?

Insp. Guy stated all of them.

Comm. Norris asked what does EIO and LPIO stand for?

Insp. Guy stated EIO – Engaging in Illegal Occupation and LPIO – Loitering in a Place of Illegal Occupation.

Vice-Chairperson Ramirez asked when prostitutes are arrested, what is their fine?

Insp. Guy stated \$500.00.

Vice-Chairperson Ramirez asked does the Vice Section give presentations to the community relations council meetings?

Insp. Guy stated I've only been there for a month, but we can.

Vice-Chairperson Ramirez asked if the president from each council contacted you, would you be able to present this?

Insp. Guy stated sure.

AC Shoulders stated the Vice Section falls under AC Martin. In the past, has made many presentations from Vice and Narcotics. They even have some of the paraphernalia at the meetings.

Comm. Norris stated I know that virtually every department is under budget for staff. This is one that really affects daily quality of life for so many citizens, it would really be nice to see a lot more officers over there. Recently, there was the publicized decision that Sheriffs can't enforce our ordinance on Offers to Engage. She asked does anyone know what's happening with that?

AC Shoulders stated AC Martin is working with that and he will be able to address that.

AC Martin stated that has not been a final decision, it is being pushed back through again until we get the proper approval.

7. APPROVAL OF GENERAL ORDER

• DIRECTIVE 304.4: BOARD OF REVIEW

Comm. Norris stated we received a Board of Review Policy, just as part of a number of policies we've received under the consent decree for our approval. And, the policy was consistent with the consent decree; the policy was consistent with departmental practices and procedures. The policy did not have any role for the Board of Police Commissioners' and board of review. There's nothing legally that requires that it have any role for the Board of

Police Commissioners, but some of us thought it should. And, most strongly I felt that because, when I first came on this Commission, the Board was in the process of trying to get a copy of the report that was done by the department that we could not get a copy of. We ultimately ended up subpoenaing the Law Department. There were other groups trying to get copies and went through courts to get copies and it took lots and lots of time and lots and lots of effort. That seemed ridiculous to me, that we are an oversight body and we couldn't read what our own department is written. So, when this policy came to us, I challenged the department to come up with something that would have a role for us. Inspector Jamie Fields with, I know his command including Cmdr. Godbee and I think probably A.C. Martin had a role and ultimately the Chief, have been working with me probably for a month or two to revise the policy. We have come to an agreement on a policy that will not have the Police Commission not involved at all and investigating or playing cops or robbers, but will allow us full access to the board of review report, as soon as, it's final. And, that will allow us to look at it for training, recruiting, disciplinary, and all the other kinds of things that the Commission is involved in. And, I just really want to commend the department for working with us on that. This is one that could have gotten bloody and it did not. We really worked quite cooperatively on it and I would have to say that we both made some compromises, but in fairness they had to make a few more than I did. And, I'm grateful that they were willing to do that. I think it will really be.... I've challenged the Board since I won't be here a whole lot longer, to actually use the policy because it's meaningless if we don't do anything with it. But, it will give the Board and therefore the oversight body an opportunity to have us make (inaudible) historically that we have not had. I think that it's a really great thing. So, I'm sorry we can't vote on it today and you'll probably hear the same speech more or less next week. But, I will be happy to make the motion to approve it, when it comes back before us with a full quorum.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 3, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no oral communication from the audience.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/kdw